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Examiner .... V. Nguyen  
Attorney's Docket No. .... MI22-1684  
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Respect to a Wafer, and Methods of Communicating Signals Within a Workpiece  
Processing Apparatus

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE PURSUANT TO §1.313(c)(2) TO  
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UNDER § 1.97 IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER  
§1.114(a)(1)

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**PATENT ISSUE FEE**

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**REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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## 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

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Multiple dependent claims

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